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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1910.

President's Message.

The president's message submitted to Congress Tucsday is an able document, and if his recommendations are carried out we may hope for better days in this country. True, there is very little in this message that was not in that submitted to the first sessio nof this Congress, for the present session is not expected to do much more than complete the work already begun, but the urgency with which the chief executive lays the needs of the nation before the lawmakers, and the clear cut manner in which his message is put should be a stimulus to the members of both houses to do their best for the good of the whole nation.

In the last part of the document a few lines are devoted to an appeal in favor of the Freedmen's Bank depositors and the semi-centennial celebration of the emancipation of the slaves. These recommendations will be pleasing to every Negro who has a spark of race pride, but the case must be submitted to men who are not in a position to sympathize with either recommendation, and as to whether action is taken on them will depend largely upon the interest manifested by the Negroes themselves.

The recommendation that Peary be rewarded for his North Pole explorations will not be received with good desk. This number is well gotten taste. It is not a popular subject by up and contains a good collection of any means. There are just about as many who doubt him as there are who doubt Cook, and Cook doubts himself. The only advantage Peary has is Matt Henson, an Englishspeaking Negro, and a citizen of the United States, was with him, and is a w tness to the claim. But be that as it may, the attitude of the masses is not changed. They do not feel that the nation is indebted to Mr.

Another recommendation that will not be received with good favor is that suggesting pensions for government clerks. These clerks are paid well for their services, and are no more entitled to pensions than clerks who work for private concerns. Any plan of pensioning them will be a burden on the people, and this nation feels that it has about all of that kind of trouble it needs.

The message as a whole is very acceptable, and if the Congress carries out one-half of the commendable recommendations in it the people will be satisfied.

Racial Weakness.

One of the most glaring weaknesses of the Negro race is the habit of sus-

pecting evil of people who are endeavoring to make an honest living, and on the other hand of accepting those who have no visible means of support but are living at ease.

We are given to criticise girls who work at service, and particularly office girls. We suspect them of things that are the most unreasonable. Any number of our young women are employed as office girls. A few are employed by men of the race, but more find employment in offices of men of the other race, but whoever the employer may be there is a tendency on the part of many to say that these young women working as office girls are not fit for society. Objection is raised to them being admitted in society circles; girls on the other hand, young women who do no work of any kind, and who have no visible means of support are accepted in society and in our homes and they are lauded as ideal associates. This is a weakness that will have to be overcome before the Negro can hope to demand proper recognition.

All work is honorable; all idleness is dishonorable. The girl who works is to be preferred every time to the girl who never works but can always dress in the latest style. A line must be drawn between the honest and the dishonest; the moral and the immoral. All questionable characters will have to be put in a class to themselves, and we must especially cultivate a disposition to respect our women who

He Did Come Back.

It is a common saying that athletes cannot come back. The term has come into general use since the agitation was begun to force Jim Jeffries out of retirement to fight Jack Johnson for the championship of the world. It is no woften applied to men in every walk of life, but we do not believe the term can be more pointedly applied than in the case of our able colleague, the associate editor of the Philadelphia Tribune. Replying to a correction by the New York Age he says:

The New York Age corrects our statement that George Peabody was a Southern man by saying that he "was born in Massachusetts of New England parentage.' We know that. But he lived and made the fortune he left for Southern education in the South and Great Britain. The editor of The Age was born very much in the South but he is a Northern man in his living and thinking, and could not live and think as he does in the South. It does not appear where age affected the old man's speed in that

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If Peary is made a commodore and retired on salary he will surely give Henson a job as custodian of his Arctic curios.

The Crisis for December is on our clippings. We hope for the magazine A FINE OFFER TO THE long life and large circulation.

We need a new high school and also a new Knowles School. We also the city, in pure leather cases, coloneed that the first be the last.

Journal for October-December is the best yet. This magazine easily leads the literature produced by Negroes.

EDITORIAL CLIPPINGS.

Right at Home.

dition of the colored people in the Southern States. This is well and THE SUNBEAM STUDIO, proper. But many of these organizations overlook the fact that right at our doors here in the North there are discriminations and injustices which have the first claim upon the attention of these organizations.

Many of these organizations make a loud noise about the Jim Crow car and disfranchising of the South which is all right, but they fail to do anything to bring about better conditions right at our door. In New York City are invited. it is rare that a colored man can be accommodated in a first-class restaurant, unless it is kept by a colored

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lect their seats in the same way that ple from the car to the building. picture shows exhibiting the fight between Johnson and Jeffries where no colored man is permitted to enter. When it comes to discrimination in regard to colored labor, that exists all over Ne wYork City.

These are some of the matters people are making greater progress accomplished hairdresser. than is often true of our race in many the South.

if some of these organizations would Messrs. Cleveland and Ben Webster. bring a law-suit to test the fact whether or not a colored person can be debarred from a theatre after he has bought a seat. They ought to These are practical -New York Age.

county officers are going to follow the ago and appoint colored men to popacity tto discharge the duties of the Johnson from, Walden University. place they are given. We have plenty of such men in this city, some of whom are waiting table or blacking boots, for want of something better to do, men who are graduates of our high schools and colleges. Yes, there is plenty of timber to select from -Plain Dealer.

Rev. N. H. Pius, D. D., the Teacher-Training Superintendent, left Monday for Meridian, Miss., to hold a Sunday-School Institute.

PUBLIC.

Before selecting your holiday photographs come in and inspect one of the swellest line of photographs in dia Carbons Sepias and Platinum. Any of these will be a handsome gift for a Xmas present. I am also giv-The National Medical Association ing away free a silk pillow top with your photograph on it, something that is washable and will last a life time. This offer is only for a few days and is only given with my best grade of work. My prices are no more than others. My work has no equal. Come see for yourself and compare. If you come, come early There are numerous organizations before the rush. Photographs made in parts of the North that have for one day and delivered the next. All their aim the amelioration of the con- work guaranteed. Don't forget the

420 Cedar street, WM. M. HARGRAVES, Prop.

"The Young Negro; His Contribution to the Progress of the South,' will be the subject of Dr. W. S. Ellington, Sunday at 3 o'clock p. m. be-Fisk University will sing. All men

CITY ITEMS.

ored men and women can go and se- end of the car line to convey the peo- ference was not only to retain the

few theatres of New York City, col- evangelist who has been conducting build up new ties and substantiate ored people are actually prohibited revival services at St. Paul, closed the old. from entering. There are moving her meetings Thursday night, which were a surress.

> Mrs. E. Howard will preach at St. John A. M. E. Church Sunday night for the last time in this city.

Miss Bertha Lapsley, of Chicago, is here visiting her sisters, Mrs. Col- held in December, 1904, before the which these organizations should give lins, of Glenncliff, and Mrs. Swift, burning of Roger Williams, at which attention to right at home. In a of 317 Eighteenth avenue, for a short time Mr. Mack Ross, of Walden, was great many cases while we are spend. time and will return as her business elected Treasurer and \$12 were placed in gour time bemoaning the fate of will not allow her to remain. She in his hands for safe keeping, and the "opoor Negro" in the South, these is having quite a success, being an after a lapse of six years he proves

Mrs. Lizzie Bonds and mother, Mrs. senting to the body December 3, Northern cities. Let us begin first of John Webster, have ceturned from 1910, the \$12 he had carefully kept all to get rid of discrimination right an extended trip to St. Louis and from the last meeting held in Decefat our door and then we will be in Chicago. While in St. Louis they ber. 1904. better shaye to help our brethren in were the guests of Mrs. Barnes' sister, Mrs. Mollie Woods, and in Chi-It will be a good thing, for instance, cago they visited her brothers,

A Social.

A social was held at 1504 Grant test the fact whether a colored person street, the home of Miss Pearl T. cannot be entertained at any restau. Stephens. The room was beautifully decorated with sweet peas, ferns and considerations that demand attention. chrysanthemums. The music was rendered by Mr. William P. Sawyers, Willie Stunt and Sam Shelby. After If it is true that the Democratic several selections of instrumental music a ten-course menu was served. precedent set by Republicans years Also cake and wine. Those present were Miss Sadie A. Drake, Nancy sitions in the various county offices, Tisdale, Mary Word, Essia Butler, we trust that they will select men Mary J. Drake, Lovie Powell, Mr. of good character and sufficient ca- Willie Tisdale, Herley Frazier, Wm.

Azalia Art Club.

The Azalia Art Club met in a business meeting at the residence of Mrs. Ransom Monday afternoon. Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: Mrs. T. Morgan, president; Mrs. Reed, vice president; Miss J. Woods, secretary; Mrs. H. Rankins, treasurer; Mrs. T. Holman, chaplain; Mrs. E. Kirkpatrick, querist; Mrs. W. Boyd, reporter. Also new plans and work have been put before the club for the year. The ladies are requested to meet with Mrs. Ransom Friday afternoon.

Heliotrope Circle. The Heliotrope Circle met in its regular meeting with Mrs. J. H. Hale. Mrs. John P. Crawford, president, besided. Prayer was offered by Mrs. J. B. Batte. Roll was called, the mem- Oration-"Value of People's Good bers answering with quotations. A number of pieces are nearing comple- Oration-Intrinsic Value of Education, then the ladies are preparing to take up a different stitch after the Vocal Duet-"O That We Two Were holidays. Among the visitors present were Mesdames Ida Whitefield, Breedlove, L. Jackson and Miss Nannie Perkins. An ice course was served by the hostess. The Circle closed to meet with Mrs. Wm. N. Hill, Fogg open for general discussion. street, December 9th.

STUDENTS' CONFERENCE.

versity, accompanied by Mrs. McMilcommodation extend and was there fore the Young Men's Christian As. pleasure wagon and brought here Satsociation at their rooms, 447 Fourth urday morning, December 3. Immeavenue, North. Mr. J. C. Olden, of diately after the arrival Mr. F. E. Jeffries, of Roger Williams University, the President, called together the student bodies of the two schools Music Young Men's Glee Club, W. U. and in a brief way set forth the ob- Business-Public rhetoricals will be held at ject of the conference. Among other Music-Young Men's Glee Club, R. W. man. There is almost no first-class Roger Williams December 16th. All things he emphasized the fact that theatre in New York City where col- are invited. Wagon, will be at the one of the primary objects of the con-

already strong tie of friendship bewhite people can. In fact, in not a Mrs. E. Howard, the wonderful tween the two schools, but also to

The discussions that followed the eading of the different papers and orations were helpful to all who heard the very interesting talks gotten off by the students of both schools. The last meeting before this was

himself worthy of the trust by pre-

The papers, addresses and orations were gotten off to advantage, which goes to show that the students of the two universities are on the alert to bestir themselves to a self-interest to maintain a friendship and an affection among students that is indefinite

in its scope. The conference was dismissed by Mr. Jeffries, the President, and every body went away with new ideas and with new determinations and with

the fondest hope that every one present would be able, through the help of God, to meet twelve months hence in a similar meeting at Walden Uni-

Following is the programme:

PROGRAMME.

Morning Session-10:30 A. M.

Song Audience Invocation. Piano Solo-"Valseheroique"

J. Marion Taylor, W. U. Remarks .. President F. E. Jeffries, R. W. U. Paper School Friendship Miss Maggie B. Polk, R. W. U.

Paper "Progress of the Race" Miss Beatrice Hardy, W. U. Piano Solo-Moonbeams on the Lake Fitspatrick Miss Clara Hightower, R. W. U. Paper "True Womanhood" Miss Marie Vickers, W. U. Paper "A Woman's Place"

Miss Josie B. Griffey, R. W. U. Piano Duet-Dance of the Demons ing absent, Mrs. Durand Houston pre- Misses Clara Hightower and Estelle Walker.

> Opinion". . J. A. Northeross, W. U. tion J. E. Livingston, R. W. U. Maying" Alice Smith Miss Claretha Mickens and Mr. L. I Ryan, W. U.

Note.—The above subjects were

Afternoon Session-1:30 P. M ...

The student body of Walden Uni- Piano Solo-Polise Dance Scharwenka

Miss Estelle Walker, R. W. U. lan and Dr. Zeller, came out in char- Vocal Duet-David and Goliah. . BHss tered cars as far as the car line ac- Messrs. H. H. Walker and L. N. Bass, W. U. promptly taken up by Mr. White's Introduction of Speaker by President

F. E. Jeffries, R. W. U. Tenor Solo-Nita Gitana .. DeKoven E. R. McLean, W. U. Address Ideal Service Mr. Mack Ross, R. W. U.

Benediction.